

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

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Docket No.
P-4423D1

In Re Application Of: D.J. Wright et al.

Serial No. 09/778,218	Filing Date June 17, 1999	Examiner B. Forman	Group Art Unit 1634
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Invention: **METHOD AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE VARIATIONS**

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of October 11, 2002 above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

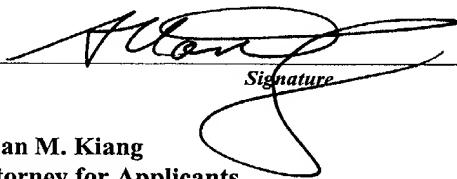
from: December 3, 2002 until: February 3, 2003

Date

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The fee for the extension of time is \$410 and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1666
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1666
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Signature

Dated: January 30, 2003

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